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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Gross Doelln airfield between 22 July and 5 August 1955:

22 July. Twenty-eight to 30 Il-28s or U-Il-28s, 1 green colored Po-2, 1 Yak-14, and 1 Li-2 were seen at the parking area at the eastern end of the runway. The Po-2 has been stationed at the field for some time.

22 July. The Yak-14 and Li-2 were also stationed at the field for some time.

18 July. There was intensive night air activity by Il-28s or U-Il-28s.

23 July. Air activity started at about 0600. The flights lasted 15 to 20 minutes.

23 July to 5 August. Air activity was observed during the daytime and night time. It was observed that the aircraft took off individually at short intervals. Il-28s or U-Il-28s mostly practiced cross-country flying and sometimes made local flights.

25 July. At 2100, night air activity was observed.

1 August. Individual aircraft made short cross-country flights at intervals of about one hour. So far, such air activity had not yet been observed.

4 August. There was intensive air activity.

It was observed on several days, that several Il-28s crossed over the airfield from southeast to northwest. Numerous elements of two MiG-15s also crossed over the field coming from southeast and heading toward the northwest. About 28 to 30 Il-28s or U-Il-28s remained at the parking area at the eastern end of the runway and taxiway respectively between 23 July and 5 August. These aircraft were strictly guarded.

2. The quartering billets were fully occupied by air force personnel. The flying personnel were quartered in the western portion of the barracks installation. About 20 temporary buildings in the northern and western portion of the cantonment were continuously occupied by drivers and technical personnel.

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The guard personnel were quartered in both permanent and temporary-type buildings. ¹

3. The personnel with red-bordered black epaulets of the unit stationed at a tent camp in Forest Districts Nos. 124/125 belonged to an AA unit. About 12 AA guns with calibers of 85-mm and 37-mm and several trucks were seen at both parking lots of the camp. The camp was strictly guarded. It was learned that a light AA gun emplacement was located at the eastern portion of the taxiway but no indications for such an emplacement could be seen from Forest Districts 154 and 186. The AA gun emplacement at the northern portion of Forest Districts No. 123 near the border of Forest District No. 158 was occupied by an AA unit. This emplacement was equipped with 7 x 37-mm AA guns. The guns were dug in and surrounded by earth walls. The gun barrels were in nearly vertical position and covered with tarpaulins. A camp with 16 pointed tents and about 8 trucks was located about 100 meters south of the latter AA gun emplacement. ²

4. The radio truck with trailer and antenna mast, which was previously located west of the barracks installations, was parked at the cantonment east of the kitchen since mid-July. The PKV 45 D/F station, one single mast radio station and one two-mast radio station were located at Forest District No. 114. The single-mast radio station was observed for the first time. Two radio trucks were parked near these radio stations. An underground cable and one telephone line lead from the airfield to these installations. The radio personnel were housed in a new building and in a temporary building. The new brick building, which covered an area of about 7 x 6 meters, was located about 120 meters of the radio stations. A large single mast radio station with a mast with four bracings was located at Gross Golliner Lake at Forest District No. 184. Two covered apparatus, which did not seem to be searchlights, were seen near the single-mast radio station. An AA 4 MK 3 type set and a Fishnet set were located at the northern edge of Forest District No. 156, in addition to an antenna mast, 6 meters high, the antenna of which lead to the ground like a bracing. The sets were placed side by side in the direction from west to east. A temporary building for personnel was under construction. No radio installations were seen west of the runway. ³

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5. At 0445 on 29 July, an air force unit and about 45 motor vehicles [redacted] were unloaded at Templin railroad station. The motor vehicles included 1 fire fighting truck, 1 ambulance, 4 large prime mover, 1 special vehicle (probably a snow plow), 1 large silver painted semitrailer, 9 large tank trucks with a capacity of about 8,000 liters, 7 to 9 tank trucks with a capacity of about 5,000 liters, 3 large fuel trucks, 8 large van-like trucks, probably repair-shop trucks, and normal trucks. No sedans were seen. The unit moved in close formation to the airfield and occupied the cantonment in the southern portion of Forest District No. 156. On 5 August, this unit was billeted at another cantonment at the northern portion of Forest District No. 94, south of the AAA camp.

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6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Gross Doelln airfield between 18 July and 5 August:

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18 July. Between 1400 and 1800, Il-28s [redacted] made local flights. Between 2000 and 2400, there was night air activity including individual flights.

20 July. Between 0700 and noon, Il-28s [redacted], and U-Il-28s [redacted] made individual local flights. At about 0700, Il-28s [redacted] took off immediately one after another. Aloft, they formed following formation:

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The planes remained aloft for about 35 minutes and then landed individually. The aircraft farthest to the left landed first.

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26 July. Between 2000 and 2400, there was night air activity.

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2 and 4 August. Between 0500 and 1400, Il-28s [redacted] and U-Il-28s [redacted] made local flights at irregular intervals. At 0730, Il-28s [redacted] took off immediately one after another. These aircraft flew in the same formation as observed on 21 July and remained aloft for about 35 minutes.

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7. Since mid-July, the aircraft were no longer parked at the parking area at connecting lane A-B but instead were parked at the eastern end of the taxiway as had previously been observed. It was impossible to identify the total number of aircraft at the airfield because the parking areas were especially heavily guarded. ¹
8. It was learned that numerous new tank trucks arrived at the airfield on 24 July 1955. On 25 August these new tank trucks were seen. These tank trucks were parked at the athletic field near the quartering billets. It was observed that the tank trucks were of the known type and had a capacity of about 5,000 liters. New semitrailers have apparently not yet been shipped to the field. ⁴
9. It was previously reported, that two large tank semitrailers were available at Gross Doelln airfield. These vehicles were also involved in refueling procedures. The semitrailers had five axles. Except for the front axle all the other axles had double tires. The rear end of the trailers had a double-wing flap door. This door covered a hollow space which was 1.5 meters deep and terminated by a vertical wall. Four slack type gauges were mounted in a line on this wall. It appeared as though the tank had four compartments the contents of which were indicated by the individual gauges. Armatures, pumps, and valves could not be clearly observed. All tank trucks including semitrailers trailed chains for grounding purposes. ⁵
10. The AA gun emplacement northeast of the eastern taxiway end was equipped with 7 AA guns probably with a caliber of 76-mm. Ten 37-mm AA guns and one 76-mm AA gun, all covered with tarpaulins, remained unchanged near the quartering billets. ²
11. In general construction work was delayed. Numerous construction workers had left the construction site because of high work norms and low wages. Some of the workers were dismissed without receiving their personnel documents. Forty carpenters of Bauunion Magdeburg left Gross Doelln at the same day. These carpenters were employed at the construction of quartering billets. Apprentices' brigades were transferred to the construction site but their work was insufficient. The major project of VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg was the construction site about 70 meters south of the taxiway. Work was done there on the basement. The encasing of the wall had been started. Concreting work had not yet been started because the Soviet had ordered a special quality of cement ("400 B"). Such a type of cement was not yet available in the GDR.

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In addition to this construction project, several small buildings were under construction outside of the airfield. These buildings are probably scheduled to house radio stations. One of the buildings was located about 1.5 km west of the airfield near Brunewald.

An underground oil dump was allegedly under construction at both western and eastern end of the runway. No details could be obtained. Preliminary work for the enlargement of the taxiway could not yet be observed.

12. At about 0500 on 29 July, the unloading of a shipment was observed at Templin railroad station. About 44 motor vehicles and about 300 air force soldiers arrived. The motor vehicles included tank trucks, large van-like trucks, and trucks with trailers. [redacted] The motor vehicle column moved 25X1 in the direction of Hammelspring. 4

1. [redacted] Comment. Gross Doelln airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with 28 to 30 Il-28s or U-Il-28s. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. According to previous information two light and two medium AA batteries are presumably stationed at Gross Doelln airfield. The location of the individual AA gun emplacement had not yet been determined. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. The location of the PKV 45 D/F station and the inner landing beacon was reported previously. The AA 4 MK 3 type set and the Fishnet set were reported for the first time. 25X1
4. [redacted] Comment. The arrival of a new air force unit at Gross Doelln airfield on 29 July 1955 is confirmed. According to previous information, a total of three shipments with air force ground personnel arrived from the USSR at Gross Doelln. 25X1
5. [redacted] Comment. For sketch of the tank semitrailer see Annex. 25X1

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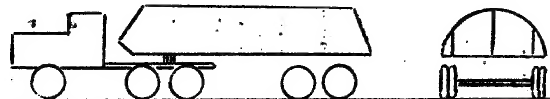
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Sketch of the Tank Semitrailer



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